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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1081

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, CZ, UR, US

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT

REF: BERLIN 0853

1. DCM TOOK UP BORDER INCIDENT INVOLVING HEDRICK SMITH WITH DIRECTOR OF MFA NORTH AMERICAN DEPT (BILEK), PLACING EMPHASIS ON PARTICULAR IMPROPRIETY OF CONFISCATION OF PERSONAL PAPERS WHEN SMITHS HAD NOT EVEN BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. BILEK, WHOSE OFFICE WAS EVIDENTLY ENTIRELY UNAWARE OF INCIDENT OR OF PLANNED VISIT, SAID THAT HE WOULD INVESTIGATE MATTER AT ONCE. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE RESPONSE PROMPTLY AND WILL HOPE TO HAVE EARLY WORD CONCERNING RETURN OF CONFISCATED MATERIALS.

3. ASSUME DEPT WILL INFORM SMITH' S HOME OFFICE AS APPROPRIATE.

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